

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. In the above amendment, claim 19 is being canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-7, 9-18, 20-29, 31, 32 and 34 remain pending and have been allowed by the Office Action.

**Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary**

The Examiner telephoned the undersigned attorney of record on May 18, 2007. The Examiner proposed an Examiner's amendment cancelling claim 19 to put the application in a condition for allowance. The undersigned declined the suggestion in that phone conversation and asked the Examiner to send out the office action. No other issues were discussed.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicant notes that the Examiner did not initial the reference JP 2001-043393 cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed September 2, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the reference and provide Applicant with an initialed copy of the PTO-1499 form indicating that the reference was considered.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant appreciates the Examiner indicating that claims 1-7, 9-18, 20-29, 31, 32 and 34 are allowed.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,133,041 to kaufman et al in

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Amendment D

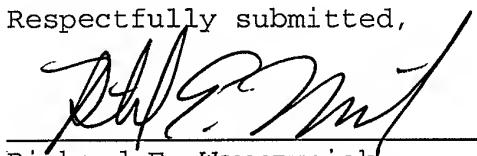
view of kwan Liu ma, James S. Painter, Charles D. Hansen, Michael F. Krogh, "A Data Distributed, Parallel Algorithm for Ray-Traced volume Rendering." Applicant has canceled claim 19 without prejudice. The cancellation of claim 19 should not represent a surrender of subject matter and Applicant specifically preserves the right to present this or other claims in a continuation application. As such, the rejection of that claim is now moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowed. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Richard E. Wawrzyniak at (858) 552-1311 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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